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Inventor : Haines et al.

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For : SEQUENTIAL VECTORED BUFFER

MANAGEMENT

Docket No.: S01.12-0711/STL 9608

Group Art Unit: 2188

Examiner: Gary J.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, THIS

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PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed April 20, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-20.

FEE STATUS

FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

[x] other than a small entity

\$330.00

[] small entity

\$165.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

These proceedings are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. \S 1.136 apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)

Fee for other than small entity

Fee for small entity

[] one month \$ 110.00 \$ 55.00 [] two months \$ 420.00 \$210.00 [] three months \$ 950.00 \$475.00 [] four months \$1,480.00 \$740.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[] An extension for --- has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$--- is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$---

or

(b) [x] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee \$330

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FEE PAYMENT

[x] A check in the amount of \$330 is attached.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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